

DANIEL GOODWIN.

JANUARY 10, 1832.

Mr. MUHLENBURG, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Goodwin, and the documents accompanying the same, report:*

The petitioner is the executor of Benjamin Goodwin, deceased, late of Easton, in the State of Massachusetts. It appears from the documents submitted to the committee, that, in the month of March, 1777, Thomas Cushing, Esq. then agent of the United States for building a seventy four gun ship in Boston, took possession of the dwelling-house, stores, yard, and wharf, of the said Benjamin Goodwin, for the use of the United States, in building said ship, and accommodating the people who were employed therein; that, in March, 1781, the said B. Goodwin, having received no compensation for the use of said property, or satisfaction for the damage it had sustained, agreed with the said Thomas Cushing, the agent aforesaid, to submit the matters in controversy to arbitrators, who, on the 1st of April, 1781, made an award, finding in favor of the said B. Goodwin, the sum of £237 10s., in specie, for rent and damages, up to that date.

It also appears, from evidence perfectly satisfactory to the committee, that possession of the wharf, &c. aforesaid, was retained for the uses above mentioned, until the first of March, 1784, when the said ship, in an unfinished state, was sold on the stocks by Thomas Russel, Esq. as agent for, and in behalf of, the United States.

By an act approved February 5, 1829, the Secretary of the Treasury, was directed to pay to the petitioner the sum of £237 10s. equal to \$791 60, being the amount of the award above mentioned, for the occupation of the property aforesaid, to the 1st of April, 1781.

It appears to the committee, that if the said Goodwin was entitled to compensation for the use of his property by the agents of the Government, to that period, as they believe he was, that he is equally entitled to such compensation from the 1st of April, 1781, to the first of March, 1784. They have, therefore, directed a bill to be reported for his relief.

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